# Autism Training

September 24-25, 2009 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

# CAREER DEVELOPMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

Kirkwood Center for Continuing Education
Conference Suites D & E
7725 Kirkwood Blvd S.W.
(Corner of 76th & Kirkwood)
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

### **Career Development for Individuals With ASD**

# Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation James Emmett

Day One:

Day Two

### **Career Development**

Introduction to ASD & Career Development

Communication Skills in the Initial Interview

Interview Communication Activity

Structuring the Interview Environment

Interview Structure Activity

Theory of Mind

**Building the Career Portfolio** 

Career Portfolio Development Activity

### Career Assessment

Creating the Evaluation Plan

Assessment Processes for Job Seekers With ASD

Skill/Interest Testing

Assessing Social/Communication Skills

Career Assessment Activity

### Corporate/College Collaboration

**Business/Corporate Development Strategies** 

**Industry Specific Collaboration** 

Community College Supports

University Partnerships

### Workplace/College Classroom Supports

Workplace/College Problems

Natural Support Development

Make/Take Supports

Minnesota Work Adjustment Theory

**Environmental Analysis** 

Work Values Activity

### Social Communication in College/Workplace

Social Coaching

Basic Steps to Self Advocacy

Courtesy Rule Card Activity

Sins of the System

How to Aid Understanding

Conversation Speech Strategies

Asking Questions and Listening Strategies

Tools to Help Improve Social Communication

Social Stories Activity

Comic Strip Activity

How to be a Competent Communicator

**Environmental Supports** 

Social Interaction Checklist

### Implementing the Career Plan

Career Strategies in Action

Final Wrap Up - Q & A Session

### Presenter

James Emmett is a national leader in development of employment services for persons with autism spectrum disorders as well as in assisting corporations in creation of outreach efforts to the disability and autism communities. He is an individual with a disability and a parent of three daughters with disabilities. James currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer of Integrated Behavioral Systems (www.integratedbehavioralsystems.com) and is a Partner in the consulting firm Two Steps Forward (www.twostepsforwardinc.com). He graduated with a Master's Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from Illinois Institute of Technology. James recently completed 1.5 years working as the Disability Program Manager for Walgreens helping set up the company's national disability initiative (www.walgreensoutreach.com). He also assisted Easter Seals National in laying the foundation for their national autism services network.

## Registration Fee — \$75.00 per person; space is limited.

If you are available to attend and want information on registration, please email Micheleen.Maher@iowa.gov

# Driving Directions to Kirkwood Center for Continuing Education (to view a map of the KCC Main Campus

— www.kirkwood.edu/maincampus — #34 on map)

Coming from the North

Follow I-380 S / IA-27 S toward Cedar Rapids / Dubuque

Take the US-30 E / US-151 N exit - Exit 16 toward Mt Vernon

Keep right at the fork in the ramp, still driving toward Mt Vernon

Turn right onto Kirkwood Blvd SW

At 76<sup>th</sup> Ave SW intersection, go straight and the entrance is on the left

End at 7725 Kirkwood Blvd SW

Coming from the West/East/South

Follow I-80 E. toward Davenport/W. toward Des Moines

Merge onto I-380 N / IA 27 N - US-218 N via exit 239B toward Cedar Rapids/Waterloo

Take exit 13 toward Eastern Iowa Airport/Ely

Turn right onto Wright Brothers Blvd SW / IA-84

Turn left onto Kirkwood Blvd SW

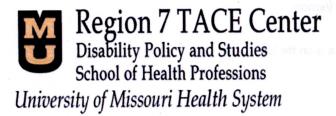
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# **Motel Information**

Crowne Plaza Five Seasons
350 1st Ave NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Cut-off date is 9/11/09
Ask for "Voc Rehab" block to receive \$50.00 state rate
Daily Self-Parking Fee: \$6.00

Heartland Inn (Cedar Rapids) 1-800-334-3277, ext. 17 3315 Southgate Ct. S.W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa Cut-off date is 9/10/09 Ask for "Voc Rehab" Block to receive \$50.00 state rate

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